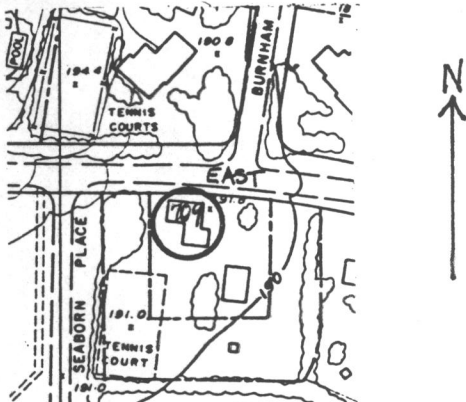
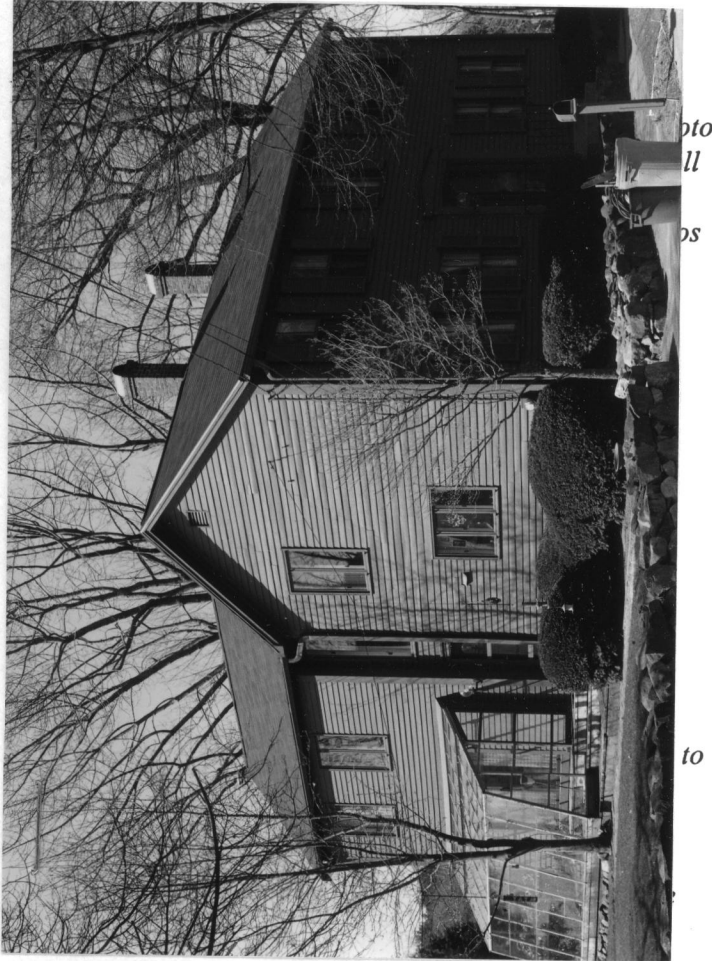


FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Assessor's Number	USGS Quad	Area(s)	Form Number
0063000112	Boston N.		709

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 49 East St.

Historic Name David Fiske House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction ca. 1820

Source Worthen

Style/Form Federal with Greek Revival/Italianate doorway

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition (date unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date 1860

Acreage almost 1 A.

Setting Very close to the street; now part of a 1970s condominium development

Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

49 East St. is probably a Federal house with some later Greek Revival/Italianate finishes. The original house is rectangular, 2½ stories, five-by-one bays, and side-gabled with two small ridge chimneys. It is set on a brick foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The center entrance has a pedimented surround with side pilasters and full-length sidelights. The windows on the facade are 2/2 double hung sash and those on the second story are framed into the cornice; the windows on the gable ends are new casements. At the rear is a recent two-story gable-roofed addition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to Worthen, this house was built by a David Fiske on or near Burlington St. and was moved to this location before the Civil War. Worthen surmises that the house was built by the David Fiske who lived from 1759–1820 but it could also have been built by his son David, who was born sometime between 1789 and 1793 and was married in 1820. Worthen goes on to say that sometime before the Civil War a grandfather of William E. Fiske, a son of Timothy K. Fiske who built the house at 71 East St. (MHC #711), bought this house when it was on Burlington St., took it apart, moved it, and reassembled it on this site. Worthen is probably right, for the lot on which this house is located was purchased in 1856 by John Peters (1806–1886), a German who came to Lexington in 1855 and whose daughter Barbara married Timothy K. Fiske in 1857, thus making Peters the grandfather of Barbara and Timothy's son William E. Fiske. If Peters did move the house he did so in 1860, for he is first assessed for a house on this lot in 1861. It was probably at the time of the move that the present Greek Revival/Italianate doorway and small ridge chimneys were installed. After her father's death in 1886, this house was owned by Barbara Peters Fiske and remained in the Fiske family until 1944.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*